

Description of the Landscape Planning Area

Location

The Lake Whatcom landscape planning area lies immediately east and southeast of the city of Bellingham in western Whatcom County (Map A-1). The southernmost end of the watershed lies in Skagit County. The planning area includes lands that lie within the Lake Whatcom watershed boundary, a block of lands west of Cain and Reed Lakes, and small, isolated parcels immediately adjacent to the watershed. Nine mile long Lake Whatcom is bounded by mountainous terrain on three sides. Anderson Mountain lies to the south with Taylor and Lookout Mountains to the east and west. Elevations range from 310 feet at the outlet of the lake to over 3,000 feet atop the higher ridges.

Lands Covered by this Landscape Plan

The landscape plan applies to state trust lands within the planning area that are owned by the State of Washington and managed by the Department of Natural Resources. This includes trust lands within the Lake Whatcom watershed boundary and trust lands west of Cain and Reed Lakes. Isolated parcels outside but close to the watershed boundary are included in this plan in an effort to consolidate management efforts. This plan covers 15,657 acres of the total 15,707 acres of trust land in the planning area. (Map A-2, Figure 1, and Table 1).

Lands Not Covered by this Landscape Plan

189 acres of DNR managed lands within the planning area are not covered. Two parcels totaling 50 acres of Common School trust land by Strawberry Point (zoned rural residential) and the 139 acre Lake Louise Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA) are managed under different strategies than those addressed by this landscape plan.

This plan does not affect activities on private land, lands managed by municipal governments, or lands managed by other state agencies.

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Figure 1: Landscape Plan Trust Distribution

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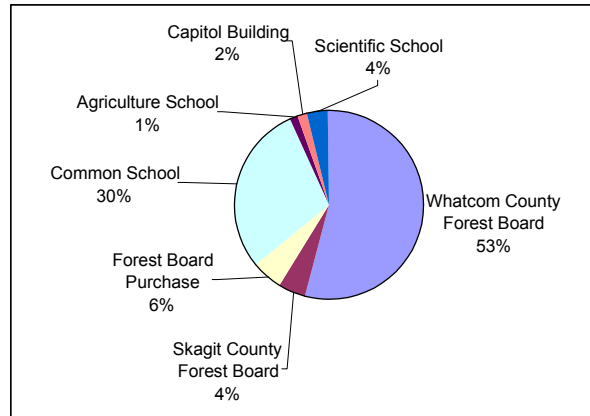


Table 1: Landscape Plan Trust Acres

Trust	Acres
Whatcom County Forest Board	8423
Skagit County Forest Board	690
Forest Board Purchase	881
Common School	4627
Agricultural School	193
Capitol Building	286
Scientific School	557
Total trust acres	15657